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ent regarding different situations. Thus a whole series of forms and ceremonies looked forward to the crucifixion of Christ, and taught about His first coming in figurative or symbolic form. There were a considerable number of these, since they looked forward to something that could as yet be only vaguely understood. After the fact became visible it was no longer necessary to continue these ceremonies, but a much smaller number could be substituted that would look back to the first coming and forward to the second coming. Thus God's will for men in one situation may be different from what it was in another, but God's truth never changes.

9. Recognition of Divine Oversight of the Contents of the Bible. Any study of the prophetic books that is to unlock their true message must have this as a basic principle. God inspired the writers in such a way that what was written down for permanent retention as part of His enduring message to His people should be complete in itself. Proper interpretation of the prophetic messages requires comparison of Scripture with Scripture. Everything that can possibly be learned from the Bible itself about